2. The complaints received against the Judges of the Supreme Court and the High Courts are dealt within the manner indicated above.

3. It is, however, not possible to indicate the number of complaints received against the Judges of the Supreme Court and High Courts.

4. The Government is committed to setting up of a National Judicial Commission, which *inter-alia* would draw up a Code of Ethics for Judges of the Supreme Court and High Courts.

5. The National Commission to Review the Working of the Constitution has recommended that a permanent Committee comprising the Chief Justice of India and two senior-most Judges of the Supreme Court of India, be empowered to examine complaints of deviant behaviour of all kinds and complaints and misbehaviour and incapacity of Judges of the Supreme Court and the High Courts. The recommendation would be taken into account while establishing the National Judicial Commission.

Amendment in Right to Silence

589. SHRI P. PRABHAKAR REDDY: Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have a proposal under consideration to amend the "right to silence" as granted by the Indian Constitution;

(b) if so, the details there of and reasons therefor;

(c) whether Government would consider the view-point of the Law Commission in this regard; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF LAW AND JUSTICE (SHRI ARUN JAITLEY): (a) to (d) The information is being collected and it will be laid on the Table of the House.

Law Commission for sweeping changes in criminal laws

590. SHRI K. RAMA MOHANA RAO: Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Law Commission has recommended for sweeping changes in the criminal laws governing arrest to strike a balance between liberty of citizens and societal interest for the maintenance of peace and law and order;

(b) if so, the details of the recommendations made by the Law Commission in its 177th Report; and

(c) the action contemplated by Government on the recommendations?

THE MINISTER OF LAW AND JUSTICE (SHRI ARUN JAITLEY): (a) to (c) The information is being collected and it will be laid on the Table of the House.

Sexual harassment cases

591. SHRI NANA DESHMUKH: Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is a proposal to speed up the hearing of sexual harassment cases;

(b) if so, Government's plan keeping in view the public mind; and

(c) by when such an Act is likely to be introduced in the Parliament?

THE MINISTER OF LAW AND JUSTICE (SHRI ARUN JAITLEY): (a) to (c) Both the Government and the Judiciary are concerned with the quick disposal of pending cases including cases of sexual harassment.

The National Commission for Women has formulated a Code of Conduct for work place in the year 1998 putting down the Supreme Court guidelines in a simple manner and circulated it widely amongst all Government/Public Sector Organisation/State Women Commission to enable it to percolate to the lowest functionaries. The Commission has also instituted a series of interactive meetings with Public Sector Undertakings/Banks/Universities/Educational Institutions/Hotels/Media etc. to assess the extent of implementation of the guidelines.

The National Commission for Women is in the process of drafting a Bill on Sexual Harassment of Women at their Workplace.

High Court Bench at Thiruvananthapuram

592. SHRI N.K. PREMACHANDRAN: Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of States in the country which are not having High Court in its State Capital;